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SUBJECT: SECOND REQUEST: PROPOSED FERRY SERVICE FROM YEMEN
TO IRAQ

REF: A. SANAA 1348

B. CATO/JENSEN TELCON 6/9

¶1. (U) This is an action request -- see paragraph 3.

¶2. (U) On June 11 post requested guidance on the establishment of a ferry service from Yemen to Iraq. Mr. Saeed Salh Al-Ghalebi, of Al-Ghalebi Shipping Company Ltd, informed the Embassy that a Turkish-owned ship in Dubai was ready to pick-up passengers in Aden (or Hodeidah) for transport to the port of Umm Qasr, but asked for additional information on permissions and logistics before proceeding. Ghalebi said he would like to organize between 10-15 trips for the estimated 10,000 - 12,000 Iraqis in Yemen, many of whom are teachers.

¶3. (U) Action requested: Post would appreciate formal guidance before responding to Ghalebi on the feasibility of this request. POC for this request is Pol/Econ Officer Willeah Cato -- e-mail: catowe@state.gov or catowe@state.sgov.gov, phone (967) 1 303 - 155 x2155, or fax at (967) 1 303 - 182. In addition, please forward this query to the appropriate individuals at OCPA and CENTCOM.

¶4. (U) Minimize considered.

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